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Third of a Series of Articles Dealing With Local Interests.

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The problem of student publications is one concerning which we are probably better qualified to offer suggestions than the remainder of student activities. A long experience with the difficulties and struggles that are essential in the development of THE HATCHET and THE CHERRY-TREE leads us to present the following plans, which we believe will at least cause an increase in the interest in the college periodicals. We must apologize for the prominence of suggestions concerning THE HATCHET, but the management of THE CHERRY-TREE are meeting the questions that have arisen in their enterprise in so capable a manner as to leave little opportunity for improvement.

The Hatchet.

The two problems which confront the editor and business manager of THE HATCHET at the beginning of each year are, first, to secure financial support through subscriptions and advertisements, and, second, to select a staff that will cover the entire University in a thorough manner.

The former, necessarily, takes precedence and probably is the greatest deterrent to a successful school paper that confronts the management. With sufficient financial support, a semi-weekly could be issued; cuts and half-tones could be added as embellishments to the appearance, and original features, which would greatly strengthen the interest aroused by the publication and stimulate the subscription list, could be attempted. To meet the question we would suggest a plan which has been put in force with the greatest success in a number of colleges—to charge a small sum for the year's subscription, and add it to the library fee, requiring payment under the same conditions. Should this be adopted, the business manager could undoubtedly reduce

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BANQUET IN DEAN VANCE'S HONOR TO BE HELD FRIDAY AT RAUSCHER'S

THE banquet to be given by the Law School and the friends of Dean Vance as a farewell testimonial in honor of his services to the University will take place Friday evening at Rauscher's. The committee at work have practically completed their plans and guarantee a pretentious affair. Ex-Commissioner Macfarland will preside in the capacity of toastmaster, and will call upon President Needham, Justice John M. Harlan; F. F. Ford, president of the Senior Law Class; Levi Cooke, '06, and Dean Vance for addresses. College songs will take an important part in the program, under the leadership of L. D. Webber, '11. A splendid souvenir menu has been secured, containing a half-tone of Dean Vance, with his autograph. Tickets for the banquet are on sale by J. R. Curl, secretary to the Dean; H. P. DuBois, 1421 Chapin street, and members of the committee. Fully 250 participants are expected to be present; the great majority will be law students.

FINAL SOCIETY DEBATE.

Needham vs. Columbian, April 30, In University Hall.

The chief interest in debating circles in the University is now centered in the approaching final struggle of the Needham and Columbia Societies, which will be held in University Hall on Saturday, April 30. The question that will be discussed is:

"*Resolved*, That the Federal Government should have the power to impose an income tax, not apportioned among the States according to population."

The speakers who will represent the societies on this occasion are: Messrs. P. E. Bradley, J. P. Oren and Oscar Thompson, with P. J. Altizer as alternate, for the Needham, and Messrs. H. L. Kitselman, S. W. Rogers and A. Cohen, with Mr. Marcus as alternate, for the Columbian. The Needham Society will uphold the affirmative and the Columbian Society the negative.

The intersociety committee on arrangements is pleased to announce that Miss Dora Steerman has very kindly consented to participate in the musical program, and other musical talent will be engaged.

Aside from the interest inherent in this very live subject of income tax, very prominent at the present time because many of the State legislatures are now voting upon a constitutional amendment covering this question, an unusually interesting and hard-fought debate is assured. On the decision depends in large measure the relative standing of the

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ASS'T MANAGER ELECTED.

Mr. Raymond Hoover Secures Position.

At a meeting of THE HATCHET Board, held Friday evening in THE HATCHET office, Mr. Raymond Hoover was elected assistant business manager of THE HATCHET for the remainder of the college year, with the assurance of election to the position of business manager at the end of the college term. The only other candidate was Mr. George Beneman, who was elected to the business staff, and will probably be elected assistant business manager at the end of the present year.

Mr. Hoover is a freshman in the Law School, having attended college last year. He came to the University from Lafayette College and is member of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity.

The Board expressed its appreciation of the work performed by the two men, and experienced considerable difficulty in awarding the honor. The competition, which ended on the 15th, was begun March 1, and was thrown open to the University. A competition for position on the editorial staff was opened at the same time, but no candidate presented sufficient results to justify election at this time. It is probable that the competitors will be allowed a further period and that elections will be made before the close of the year.

The vacancy on the Board left by the resignation of Dr. Mitchell Carroll, which must be filled from the faculty, was not acted upon at the

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OVER 200 COUPLE IN ATTENDANCE AT BALL

Cherry-Tree Affair Arouses Favorable Comment from All Present.

WALTZ BY ROBERT IRBY.

About 200 couples tripped the light fantastic last Friday evening at Rauscher's, the occasion being the ball given under the auspices of "The 1910 Cherry Tree." This function was second only to the Student's Ball in brilliancy and splendor, and deserves to go down in history as one of the few great occasions when the representatives of every department of the University meet on common ground. Not even the excessively warm weather could detract from the pleasures of the evening, and wilted collars and perspiring faces were only signs of enjoyment.

Students from the College, Law, Medical, and even from the Pharmacy and Veterinary Departments, were present to enjoy the strains of "Senora," the "Soul Kiss," "Campus Ditties," "New Tipperary," "Amina," "Kiss, Kiss, Kiss," "What's the Matter With Father?" "I've Got Rings on My Fingers" and the "Cherry Tree Waltzes," the last mentioned being written especially for the occasion by Mr. Robert Irby, and, of course, was feature number on the program.

The program included twenty-four numbers, the most popular pieces being mentioned above, and the intermission between the twelfth and thirteenth dances served mostly for a breathing spell to encourage the terpsichorean fanciers to return to the floor with increased enthusiasm. Many persons left after the intermission, but the greater number remained until the strains of "Home, Sweet Home," could be heard no longer, and even then departed most reluctantly.

The committee was headed by Justin Frank Seiler, the Editor-in-Chief of "The 1910 Cherry Tree," with John Condict Carpenter, the Business Manager, as vice-chairman, and included the following: *Cherry Tree Board*, Misses Smallwood, Rose and Alden, Messrs. Baer, Bolton, Newhouser, Conboye,

Butman, Schreiber and Burrell; *Class Editors,* Messrs. Gordon, Chubb, Hodgkins, Bowen, Hart, Russell, Stonebraker, Bradley, Berry, Spessard, Oren, Hornaday, Eppard, Crane, La Garde, Riley, Hurwitz, McCausland, Angelo, Jones, Butler, Schweinhaut, Smith and Holt; *Class Presidents,* Messrs. Eaton, McPike, Poole, Keats, Briggs, Blackley, Haller, Robinson, Ford, Davis, Gamble, Bond, Hoover, Zimmerman, Dyer, Luckett, Stout, Eslin, Beers, Fowler, Tschiffely, Beeson, Lee, Hugins, Morcock and Henderson.

The patrons and patronesses included the President and Mrs. Needham, the Secretary and Mrs. Davis, Dean and Mrs. Munroe, Dean and Mrs. Wilbur, Dean and Mrs. Hodgkins, Dean and Mrs. Hough, Dean and Mrs. Vance, Dean and Mrs. Borden, Dean and Mrs. Walton, Dean and Mrs. Buckingham, Miss Ellis, Mrs. Ellis, Dean McBain and Dean Kalusowski.

E. Otto Schreiber Wins First Davis Prize.

The annual Davis Prize speaking contest, open only to seniors in the Department of Arts and Sciences, took place last Tuesday in University Hall before a highly interested audience, and resulted in a victory for Mr. E. Otto Schreiber, who took as his subject, "Direct Primary."

The second prize was won by Mr. David A. Baer, the only other contestant, who discussed the live topic of "Woman Suffrage."

Three prizes are generally awarded, but in the absence of other competitors, the judges, Messrs. Henning (chairman), Croissant and Peake, divided the awards into a first prize of $17.50 and a second prize of $12.50.

The contest was inaugurated by the Hon. Isaac Davis, in 1874, who donated $1,000, the income of which was to be divided among those seniors who presented and delivered the best orations. The contest generally attracts a number of students, but the interest this year seemed to be particularly lax. However, a number of faculty members present declared that the standard of the orations submitted this year was higher than has been the case for some time previous. Both Mr. Schreiber and Mr. Baer are experienced debators and have represented the University on a number of intercollegiate debating teams.

Pyramid Banquet.

The Pyramid Honor Society will hold its first annual banquet Friday, April 29, when the newly elected members will be initiated. Preparations are in progress to make the affair unique, to set an example for future members to follow.

The pins of the society have arrived and make a most artistic appearance. They are formed in the shape of a pyramid, resting on a base, with Egyptian hieroglyphics engraved.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

The lately installed Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew held an enjoyable meeting in the Y. M. C. A. room last Thursday evening. Mr. Chubb, who presided, gave an extremely interesting account of how the Brotherhood was started and spread among the United States soldiers at the Columbus, Ohio, army post.

The Chapter voted to attend in a body the Tridiocesan Convention to be held in Baltimore about the middle of May.

After the transaction of other minor business the Chapter adjourned, to meet again the fourth Thursday in May, at 7.30 o'clock p. m., in the Y. M. C. A. room, with Mr. Fleming presiding. All male Episcopalians invited to attend.

Last Joint Meeting.

The final Y. M. C. A.-Y. W. C. A. joint meeting will be held the *second* Wednesday in May This will be by far the most interesting of all those held this year. There will be short addresses by the general secretaries of the Central Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. and two unusually good vocal solos. You cannot afford to miss it. See next week's HATCHET for more detailed information.

Exchanges.

A number of seniors of the Sheffield Scientific School at Yale have recently taken a tour of inspection of some of the largest manufacturing plants in the country.

An Aero Club has been organized at Purdue which hopes to have a machine in operation next year.

The faculty of Dartmouth are planning a Board of Advisers whose duty it will be to meet the students at stated intervals, inform themselves as to the character, circumstances, interests and college work of the students and to give students friendly and disinterested advice.

At the University of Oregon the Engineering Department is considering the establishment of a course in aeronautics.

Athletics at Fordham will hereafter be under student control. Heretofore it was under faculty supervision.

Spring football practice under the new rules was started at Pennsylvania last Friday.

The issue of the *Journal-Herald,* of Delaware, Ohio, for Monday, April 18, was edited entirely by the class in journalism of Ohio Wesleyan.

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Politeness originated in the Garden of Eden, when Adam fell merely to oblige Eve. (And yet they say that man is selfish!)

We should always be polite to our inferiors—in the presence of our superiors. Nothing is more effective.

The man who is truly polite never forgets himself. Such a man, if he is obliged to kick another man downstairs, will always see that his hat is sent out to him.

Children are naturally impolite until they are taught that they cannot hope to make much money without.

Always be polite when you are borrowing money from a friend. Remember that it doesn't cost anything to give him the impression that you are going to pay him back.

There are two kinds of politeness—politeness to yourself and politeness to others.

When you come home late at night, for example, even if you are very tired, always remove your hat and coat before getting into bed. It is little attentions like this that constitute you a gentleman. At the same time, do not disturb your wife if you can possibly avoid it. It is the height of rudeness to awaken a sleeping lady.

The polite man is always welcome everywhere. That is, almost everywhere—except at a bargain counter, a fire or a financial panic.

Then he is *de trop*.

Save the Date, Friday, the 6th.

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law debating societies for the present year. Already each side has won one debate, and each has secured two honor men for the prize debate at the end of the year. The best efforts of both teams and of their respective societies will be put forth to win this, the last and deciding contest.

At each of these intersociety debates two honor men are selected, and at the end of the school year a prize debate is held, in which all the honor men selected from the speakers in the intersociety debates participate, and prizes are awarded to the first and second honor men selected in the prize debate. This is an honor greatly to be desired, and because of the evenness of the contest between the two societies up to the present time keen interest is being displayed by the members of the respective organizations in this final contest, and a large attendance of students and faculty is expected.

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We extend our hearty congratulations to Mr. Hoover upon his election to the position of assistant business manager of The Hatchet, and our sincere appreciation to Mr. George Beneman for the work he has done. We regret that we have not sufficient rewards to go around.

All classes throughout the University will be suspended from 4.50 to 5.40, April 27, in order to give the students an opportunity to vote upon the new honor constitution recently submitted by the President's Council. This constitution has been published in The Hatchet of April 7, copies of which have been placed in the treasurer's office for those who have failed to learn its provisions.

The importance of the question to be discussed must not be underestimated. Before attending the meeting every student should read, and read carefully, the system which is to become a part of the administration of classes, provided it is accepted. An indifferent attitude, an assent lightly given, would be fatal not only to the successful initiation, but the future application of the plan, which already is in vogue in a great number of colleges, and which is rapidly becoming the universal plan of conducting examinations.

The honor system, as outlined by the constitution, does not mean merely that each student binds himself to answer his questions in examinations without foreign assistance of any character whatsoever; it does not mean merely that he pledges himself to act squarely for *himself* alone; but it binds him upon his honor to refuse any and all assistance to his *classmate*, and exacts from him a pledge to report whatever infraction of the rules may come to his attention.

He must cast aside forever the schoolboy idea of honor—never to tell—and must hold himself ready to keep his classmate to the same high mark of honesty as he agrees for himself. Ample provision is made to prevent the abuse of the system, should any ever arise; the student committee becomes practically a court, and the entire administration is left in its hands.

That the system will be ratified throughout the University we have little doubt; the college man and woman would belie their education were they not ready to assume the responsibility of pursuing the honorable course, regardless of what it involves; but it is most important that each individual realize that he is pledging his honor to support the system; that he is binding himself by a most sacred oath to fulfil all of its provisions, and that a failure in his duty, whether it be by dishonesty of himself or refusal to report dishonesty in others, will be as deep a disgrace as lies in the power of the college man to commit.

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the price of the subscription to 50 cents a year without impairing his resources, for the cost per issue would be materially lessened by the large number printed. In addition, the greater advertising power secured would easily compensate for the loss in subscription price.

Such a plan could be put in force only by the consent of a large majority of the students; but we feel that the importance of the college paper and the vast improvement that could be accomplished with adequate means would overweigh whatever slight objections might be urged to making the subscription a compulsory feature, and the possibility of securing a *weekly* paper for the almost ridiculously small price suggested would surely command

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wide support. Should this be adopted THE HATCHET would become a permanent institution of George Washington and the reward to those who secure the highest positions *assured.* And that this suggestion is made in an altruistic spirit will be gleaned from the fact that the present management will have absolutely no financial interest in THE HATCHET hereafter.

To awaken interest in staff positions could be accomplished with little difficulty were the financial future of the publication assured. A certain guaranteed sum could be provided not only for the editor-in-chief and the business manager, but, in addition, such men as are elected to editorships after a two or three years' service. Such is the custom in other colleges, and would be the case here were it possible.

The faculty could aid in Columbian College, for instance, by allowing freshmen to undertake reporting, in place of writing the themes now required. Each week a certain amount of work would be necessary. Rules could easily be provided to avoid abuse of the privilege, and the grade of the student could be ascertained by the professor through the work submitted and published. The co-operation of the faculty and the editorial staff on such basis would be of greatest assistance to THE HATCHET in bringing the editorial work prominently before the students, and, in addition, the early training thus secured would guarantee efficient members for the higher positions.

The Cherry Tree.

For the year-book we have one suggestion which meets with the approval of the present management and has been sanctioned by those in authority for the last few years. This is the election of the editor and manager by some regularly constituted board, such as that which governs THE HATCHET, in place of the more or less haphazard election by the association of class presidents. School politics are bound to play a more or less important part in the latter system, with results that may be harmful to the success of the book. Fortunately, the appointments of the class presidents during past years have always been of the highest order, but the system is weak and may at any time prove disastrous. With a board consisting of a certain number of professors and students, whose sole duty would be the examination of candidates for fitness for office, a stability would be assured which is impossible of attainment at present. The present HATCHET board, consisting of two professors and five students, though it is not seeking additional work, could be utilized to act as a board of student publications to control such appointments. These positions are far more responsible than the usual run of college offices and deserve the greatest care and conservatism of control.

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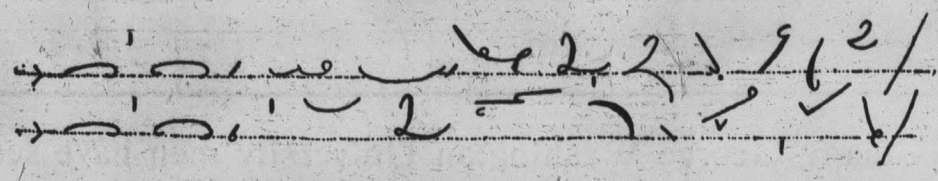
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